

SR 161 Eatonville Work Group V Notes

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“What do you like about the route?”

The trees
Wildlife
Country feel
Views of the mountain & lake
Not a high density corridor -- yet
Pleasant drive
Like the curves, hills & valleys
Fairly good shape – no potholes

Nice drive if you're not in a hurry
Only one signal
Nicest stretch of SR 161
Preserve the small town feel of
Eatonville
Good fog lines – very important
It keeps me awake

“What are the problems you see on the route?”

Safety

1. Ohop Valley Road has terrible sight distance.
2. Speeding on the hill north of Eatonville at Ski Park Road.
3. The bridge on the Alder Cutoff Road is too narrow.
4. Young people racing on SR 161 south of Eatonville.
5. Need wider shoulders.
6. No place for bikes or pedestrians.
7. 224th needs a southbound right turn lane.
8. At 352nd there is no sight distance for northbound traffic.
9. The road slopes the wrong way at 240th, causes drivers to drift into oncoming traffic.
10. Sight distance and turning traffic is a problem for southbound and northbound traffic on the Graham Hill.
11. The passing lane on the Graham Hill ends at just the wrong spot – it's the same place where people need to make left turns so people stop in the same lane where people are racing to pass that last truck.
12. Need safety improvements.
13. Golden Road turn off gets icy in winter.
14. Need good sharp fog lines and lane lines on the road.
15. Lighted crosswalk at the school like in University Place.
16. More warning signs for curves and ice.
17. Ohop Valley Road has very poor sight distance, causes accidents.
18. Turning cars are a problem at Dogwood Park.
19. Sight distance is very poor due to crest of hill at Clear Lake N. Road.
20. Sight distance is poor at 352nd.
21. At 238 the road banks to the west, causes cars to drift off the road.
22. Turning cars are a problem at 249th.

Congestion:

1. Too many cars need alternative form of transportation.
2. Too many garbage trucks.
3. No turning lanes – need right and left turn lanes on SR 161.

4. Too much access.
5. The light at Kapowsin changes so quickly it causes drivers to “charge” the light.
6. is not set properly – need more green time for mainline.
7. On Graham Hill slow traffic doesn’t pull over into the truck climbing lane
8. The grade on the Graham Hill is too steep, slows down cars and trucks too much.
9. Existing turn lane to Eatonville Cutoff Road needs to be longer.

Route

1. Traffic is heavier on the Alter Cutoff Rd than on SR 161. It is signed as the route to the mountain.
2. Curves, hills and driveways are a problem at Clear Lake, need alternate route.
3. Bypass Eatonville.

Transit

1. Need public transport from Eatonville to 224th Street.

Economic Development

1. Need public restrooms.

Solution Suggestions

1. Relocate SR 161 to the west of Muck Lake and Clear Lake between Webster Road and south of Trek Drive.
2. Alder Cutoff Road should become the state route; give existing SR 161 back to the County.
3. Re-time the Kapowsin light to allow more green time on mainline
4. Change sign on Graham Hill to read “slow traffic keep right” instead of “truck traffic keep right”.
5. Reduce the grade on the Graham Hill.
6. Need left turn lanes on the Graham Hill.
7. No 4-lanes sought of Graham Hill, use turn lanes at intersections and wider shoulders.
8. Reroute corner at Ohop Valley Road and add turn lane for Dogwood Park.
9. Need left turn lane at Clear Lake Road North.
10. Need left turn lane at 352nd.
11. Connect SR 161 to the Alder Cutoff Road with a bypass that extends from Ski Park Road to the railroad tracks and curves southeast to the Mashell River. Build a new bridge across the river to connect to the existing Alder Cutoff Road.
23. The trailer park and the church at 249th need left turn lanes.
12. Need left turn lane into Dogwood Park.

Priorities

“What is the most important thing to preserve on the route?”

- Fairly good shape – no pot holes
- Also important:
Good fog lines

Not a high density corridor

“What are the three most important issues on the route?”

- The Alder Cutoff Road should be the state route
- All turns on the Graham Hill are a problem for sight distance, speed and grade.
- Not right and left turning lanes on the route
- Also important
 - Wider shoulders
 - Too much access
 - Lighted crosswalks for the Eatonville school